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HIS Majesty being grieved at the very Soule, for the calamities of his good Subjects of *Ireland*, and being most tenderly sensible of the false and scandalous reports dispersed amongst the People, concerning the Rebellion there, which not onely wounds His Majesty in Honour, but likewise greatly retards the reducing of that unhappy Kingdome, and multiplies

the distractions at home, by weakning the mutuall confidence betwixt Him and His People: Out of His pious Zeale to the Honour of Almighty God, in establishing the true Protestant Profession in that Kingdome, and His Princely care for the good of all His Dominions, Hath firmly resolved, with all convenient speed, to goe into *Ireland*, to chastise those wicked and detestable Rebels, (odious to God and all good men) thereby so to settle the Peace of that Kingdome, and the Security of this, that the very name of Feares and Iealousies may bee no more heard of amongst us.

As His Majesty doubts not, but that his Parliament will cheerfully give all possible assistance to this good worke; so hee requires them and all his loving Subjects to beleeve, that hee shall upon those Considerations, as earnestly pursue this designe (not declining any hazard of his Person in performing that duty which hee oweth to the defence of Gods true Religion, and his distressed Subjects)

jects) as for these, and onely these ends he undertakes it: to the sincerity of which profession he calls God to witnesse, with this further assurance, That his Majesty will never consent (upon whatsoever pretence) to a tolleration of the Popish profession there, or the abolition of the Lawes now in force against Popish Recusants in that Kingdome.

His Majesty hath further thought fit to advertise his Parliament, That towards this worke he intends to raise forthwith by his Commissions, in the Counties neare Westchester, a guard for his owne Person (when he shall come into Ireland) consisting of two thousand foot, and two hundred horse, which shall bee armed at Westchester from his Magazine at *Hull*: At which time all the officers and souldiers shall take the othes of Supremacy and Allegiancy: The charge of raising and paying whereof his Majesty desires his Parliament to adde to their former undertakings for that Warre, which his Majesty will not

onely well accept; But if their Pay bee found too great a burthen to His good Subjects, His Majesty will bee willing (by the Advice of His Parliament) to sell or pawne any of His Parkes, Lands, or Houses, towards the supplies of the Service of IRELAND: with the addition of these Leavies to the former of English and Scots agreed upon in Parliament, Hee hopes so to appeare in this Action, that (by the assistance of Almighty God) in a short time that Kingdome may bee wholly reduced and restored to Peace, and some measure of Happines, whereby He may cheerfully returne, to bee welcomed home with the Affections and Blessings of all His good English People.

Toward this good worke, as His Majestie hath lately made Dispatches into *Scotland*, to quicken the Leavies there for *Ulster*; So Hee heartily wishes, that His Parliament here would give all possible Expedition to those which they have resolved for *Munster* and *Conaught*: and hopes the Encouragement which the Adventurers

venturers (of whose interest His Majesty will be alwaies very carefull) will hereby receive (as likewise by the lately signing of a Commission for the affairs of Ireland, to such persons as were recommended to Him by both Houses of Parliament) will raise full summes of money for the doing thereof.

His Majesty hath beene likewise pleased (out of His earnest desire to remove all occasions, which doe unhappily multiply misunderstandings betweene Him and His Parliament) to prepare a Bill to be offered to them by His Attorney, concerning the *Militia*, whereby He hopes the Peace and safety of this Kingdome may bee fully secured, to the generall satisfaction of all men, without violation of His Majesties just Rights, or prejudice to the liberty of the Subject. If this shall bee thankefully received, He is glad of it. If refused, Hee calls God and all the world to judge on whose part the default is. One thing His Majesty requires, (if this Bill

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bee approved of) That if any Corporation shall make their lawfull Rights appeare, they may bee reserved to them.

Before His Majesty shall part from England, He will take all due care to entrust such persons with such authority in His absence, as He shall finde to bee requisite for the peace and safety of this Kingdome, and the happy progresse of this Parliament.

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